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President Barack Obama meets with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington, Monday, Nov. 9, 2015. The president and prime minister sought to mend their fractured relationship during their meeting, the first time they have talked face to face in more than a year.

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JULIE PACE Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Minimizing sharp differences. President Barack Obama and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu reaffirmed their commitment to seeking elusive Middle East peace on Monday, though prospects for an agreement between Israelis and Palestinians appear ever further out of reach.

The U.S. and Israeli leaders' meeting at the White House marked the first time they had talked face-toface in more than a year. They have long had a frosty relationship, and tensions peaked earlier this year amid Obama's pursuit of an Iran nuclear deal that Netanyahu vigorously op-

Monday's meeting was an attempt to reset ties for the final year of Obama's presidency. In comments to reporters before their private talks, they sidestepped their disagreement on Iran, with Obama calling it a "narrow issue."

"We don't have a disagreement on the need to making sure Iran does not get a nuclear weapon, and we don't have a dis-



President Barack Obama shakes hands with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington, Monday, Nov. 9, 2015. The president and prime minister sought to mend their fractured relationship during their meeting, the first time they have talked face to face in more than a year.

(AP Photo/Andrew Harnik)

agreement about us blunting destabilizing activities in Iran that may be taking place," Obama said. "So we're going to be looking to make sure we find common ground there."

Netanyahu didn't mention the Iran matter at all in his public comments. But in their two-hour-long private session, Obama and Ne-

tanyahu discussed ways to cooperate to ensure Iran lives up to its commitments under the deal, said a senior Obama administration official, who wasn't authorized to comment by name and requested anonymity. In public, the leaders emphasized areas of shared interest, including negotiations on a new security arrangement and the goal of peace between Israelis and Palestinians, even as the two sides grapple with fresh outbreaks of violence. Obama said he was focused on "how we can get back on a path toward peace, and how we can make sure that legitimate Palestinian aspirations are met through a political process, even as we make sure that Israel is able to secure itself."

Netanyahu declared, "We have not given up our hope for peace." He reaffirmed his support for a two-state solution, though he gave no ground on the Israelis' longstanding conditions for achieving that outcome.

The prime minister's statement followed his apparent backtracking during Israeli elections earlier this year. At the time, U.S. officials said there would be policy ramifications for a Netanyahu shift on statehood, including potentially easing opposition to Palestinians turning to the U.N. Security Council to create a state.

On Monday, however, White House officials said Obama focused more on aettina Netanyahu to outline ways to keep confrontations between Israelis and Palestinians to a minimum in the absence of a long-term solution.

"This is certainly an opportunity for Prime Minister Netanyahu to put forward some ideas to move this process toward a two-state solution," White House spokesman Josh Earnest said of the meeting.

2 Americans among 5 killed in rare Jordan police shooting

HAMZA AL-SOUD KARIN LAUB **Associated Press**

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — A Jordanian police captain opened fire Monday on instructors at an international police training center in Jordan's capital, killing at least five people, including two Americans, before being shot dead by security forces.

It was not clear if there was a political motive to the shooting spree, which also wounded six people, including two Americans. But concern has swirled in staunchly pro-Western Jordan over possible revenge attacks by Islamic militants since the country assumed a high-level role in the U.S.-led military campaign against the Islamic State extremist group, which controls large areas of neighboring Syria and Iraq.

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bulent region.



Special operations forces from Iraq, Jordan and the U.S. stand in formation wearing gas masks following a combined demonstration as part of Eager Lion multinational military maneuvers at the King Abdullah Special Operations Training Center (KASOTC) in Amman, Jordan. A Jordanian police captain opened fire Monday on instructors at an international police training center in Jordan's capital, killing at least five people, including two Americans, before being shot dead by security forces.

(AP Photo/Maya Alleruzzo)

questions about the kingdom's image as an island Police Training Center in

rity compound also raised The shooting took place at the Jordan International and foreign instructors, including Americans, have trained thousands of police officers from the Palestinian territories and other parts of the Arab world in recent years.

The Jordanian officer opened fire, killing the two Americans and a South African contractor before being shot dead, government spokesman Mohammed Momani said. Two Jordanians were critically wounded and later died, he said. Momani did not release the assailant's name, but a former Jordanian parliament member, Suleiman Saed, identified him as his 29-year-old relative, Anwar Abu Zaid, a captain in the police force. He said the assailant's identity was given to him by a senior official in the Public Security Department.

Amman, where Jordanian A U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to brief the media, said eight people died in the attack, but Momani would only confirm five.

> In Washington, President Barack Obama that "we take this very seriously and will be working closely with the Jordanians to determine exactly what happened."

> U.S. State Department spokesman James Kirby said the two slain Americans worked for DynCorp International, a major military contractor, in a program funded by the State Department's Bureau of Diplomatic Security and Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement. The two wounded Americans are also civilians, the State Department said.





U. of Missouri president, chancellor leave over race tension

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Associated Press

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — The president of the University of Missouri system and the head of its flagship campus resigned Monday with the football team and others on campus in open revolt over what they saw as indifference to racial tensions at the school.

President Tim Wolfe, a former business executive with no previous experience in academic leadership, took "full responsibility for the frustration" students expressed and said their complaints were "clear" and "real."

For months, black student groups had complained that Wolfe was unresponsive to racial slurs and other slights on the overwhelmingly white main campus of the state's four-college system. The complaints came to a head two days ago, when at least 30 black football players announced that they would not play until the president left. A graduate student went on a weeklong hunger strike. announcement

came at the start of what had been expected to be a lengthy closed-door meeting of the school's governing board.

"This is not the way change comes about," he said, alluding to recent protests, in a halting statement that was simultaneously apologetic, clumsy and defiant. "We stopped listening to each other."

He urged students, faculty and staff to use the resignation "to heal and start changes necessary."

Hours later, the top administrator of the Columbia campus, Chancellor R.

talking again to make the complaints, Wolfe had taken little public action and made few statements. As students leveled more grievances this fall, he was Bowen Loftin, announced increasingly seen as aloof,

Sophomore Katelyn Brown body losing their job. It was said she wasn't necessarily aware of chronic racism at the school, but she applauded the efforts of black student groups.

University of Missouri system President Tim Wolfe announces his resignation from office, Monday, Nov. 9, 2015, during a UM System Board of Curators meeting in University Hall at the campus in Columbia, Mo. Wolfe has been under fire for his handling of race complaints that had threatened to upend the football season and moved one student to go on a hunger strike.

(Justin L. Stewart/Columbia Missourian via AP)

that he would step down at the end of the year and shift to leading research ef-

The school's undergraduate population is 79 perblack. The state is about 83 percent white and nearly 12 percent black. The Columbia campus is about 120 miles west of Ferguson, Missouri, where Michael Brown was killed last year in a fatal shooting that helped spawn the national "Black Lives Matter" movement rebuking police treatment of minorities.

In response to the race

out of touch and insensitive to their concerns. He soon became the protesters' main target.

In a statement issued Sunday, Wolfe acknowledged cent white and 8 percent that "change is needed" and said the university was working to draw up a plan by April to promote diversity and tolerance. But by the end of that day, a campus sit-in had grown in size, graduate student groups planned walkouts and politicians began to weigh in. After the resignation announcement, students and teachers in Columbia hugged and chanted.

"I personally don't see it a lot, but I'm a middle-class white girl," she said. "I stand with the people experiencing this." She credited social media with propelling the protests, saying it offered "a platform to unite." At a news conference Monday, head football coach Gary Pinkel said his players were concerned with the health of Jonathan Butler, who had not eaten for a week as part of protests against Wolfe.

"During those discussions," athletic director Mack Rhoades said, "there was never any talk about anysimply and primarily about a young man's life."

After Wolfe's announcement, Butler ended his strike. He appeared weak and unsteady as two people helped him into a sea of celebrants on campus. Many broke into dance upon seeing him.

Football practice was to resume Tuesday ahead of Saturday's game against Brigham Young University at Arrowhead Stadium, the home of the NFL's Kansas City Chiefs. Canceling the game could have cost the school more than \$1 million. Shaun Harper, executive director for the Study of Race and Equity in Education at the University of Pennsylvania, said the black football players "understood that they have the power."

"That is so rare," said Harper, who authored a 2013 study on black male student-athletes and racial inequities in NCAA Division I sports. "Not in our modern history have we seen black students collectively flex their muscle in this way."

The protests began after the student government president, who is black, said in September that people in a passing pickup truck shouted racial slurs at him. In early October, members of a black student organization said slurs were hurled at them by an apparently drunken white student.

Frustrations flared again during a homecoming parade, when black protesters blocked Wolfe's car, and he did not get out and talk to them. They were removed by police.



Lawyer: Motorist had hands up as police killed his boy

M. KUNZELMAN **Associated Press** MARKSVILLE, Louisiana (AP)

 A police body camera recorded the father of a 6-year-old autistic boy with his hands up and posing no threat as police opened fire into his car, severely wounding the motorist and killing his son, the man's lawyer said Monday.

"This was not a threatening situation for the police," said Mark Jeansonne, the attorney for Chris Few, who remained hospitalized Monday and could not attend the funeral of his son, Jeremy Mardis.

Jeansonne (ZHAN'-sawn) spoke with The Associated Press after a closed hearing in a Louisiana jail where he said the two local marshals were ordered held on \$1 million bonds. Derrick Stafford, 32, of Mansura, and Norris Greenhouse Jr., 23, of Marksville, are both charged with second-degree murder and attempted second-degree murder. The lawyer said he still hasn't seen the video, but its contents were described to the judge during the hearing.

He also said that while Few's condition is improving, he has not yet been told that his son died at the scene. State police declined to comment, citing the ongoing investigation. Also Monday, District Attorney Charles A. Riddle recused himself from the case because one of his top assistant prosecutors is the father of Greenhouse. The case is "not good for any of us," Riddle said.

The state attorney general's office will take over the prosecution.

The possibility that the officers could post bond and be released Monday, despite the murder charges, didn't sit well with some townspeople who gathered outside the jail.

"This child couldn't hurt a fly and his life is gone. I feel justice was not served," said Latasha Murray.

Louisiana State Police announced late Friday that they had arrested the two marshals in Tuesday's shooting, which raised



Pallbearers carry the casket of 6-year-old Jeremy Mardis to the grave site at Beaumont Cemetery in Beaumont, Miss., 30 miles east of Hattiesburg, Monday, Nov. 9, 2015. Jeremy Mardis, a 6-yearold autistic boy, was killed and his father wounded when marshals opened fire on their vehicle in Marksville, La. on Nov. 3. Louisiana State Police announced late Friday that they had arrested the two marshals in the shooting.

(Eli Baylis\Hattiesburg American via AP)

questions from the start. Initial reports suggested the marshals had been serving a warrant on Few, but Louisiana's state police chief, Col. Mike Edmonson, said there was no evidence of a warrant, nor was there a

gun found at the scene. Investigators have been reviewing forensics evidence, emergency calls and body camera recordings, which Edmonson described at a news conference Friday. State police said the boy

died wearing his seatbelt in the front passenger seat. "It's the most disturbing thing I've seen — and I will leave it at that," Edmonson said. "Jeremy Mardis is 6 years old. He didn't deserve to die like that."

NYC officer who worked at ground zero dies of cancer

NEW YORK (AP) — Family members, officers and friends have said farewell to a police lieutenant who worked at ground zero after the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks and recently died of cancer.

Funeral services were held Sunday for New York Police Department Lt. Marci Simms, of Long Island. She died of lung cancer Thursday at her home.

Relatives said the 51-yearold Simms was one of the thousands of first responders who worked at ground zero. She spent more than four months doing rescue, recovery and cleanup work among the smoldering rubble, and she later became ill, they said.

Simms, in a project produced by the Stony Brook University School of Journalism last year, talked about the conditions at ground zero, CBS New York reported.

"It was smoky," she said. "You felt like it was just burning your throat."

Simms' husband, Keith, cared for her as she became increasingly sick.

Doctors have been monitoring 9/11 workers closely for any sign that toxins at the site gave people cancer. No such link has been found for lung cancer, but research is ongoina. Ground zero workers who get the disease may still qualify for free medical care and compensation from a federal program set to expire next year.

Simms joined the New York Police Department in 1998 after graduating from John Jay College of Criminal Justice. She worked in Manhattan and Brooklyn before joining the 107th Precinct in Queens in 2013. "Her heart's desire was always to be a policeman," her sister, Susan Fosco, told the Daily News.









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Clinton files paperwork to be on New Hampshire ballot



New Hampshire Secretary of State Bill Gardner watches at left as Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton signs papers to be on the nation's earliest presidential primary ballot, Monday, Nov. 9, 2015, at The Secretary of State's office in Concord, N.H.

(AP Photo/Jim Cole)

KEN THOMAS Associated Press CONCORD, New Hamp**shire (AP)** — Hillary Rodham Clinton signed paperwork Monday establishing her as a Democratic presidential candidate in New Hampshire's first-in-the-nation primary next February — and within moments took an implicit swipe at chief rival Bernie Sanders.

signed papers saying I'm a Democrat. He has to speak for himself," Clinton, answering a question about her differences with Sanders, told reporters after filing her candidacy. "I will put forth my position. If there's a contrast, there's a contrast. I'm just proud to be a Democrat and I'm proud that I've worked so hard for

"Well, I'm a Democrat. I just the Democratic party." Sanders, a self-proclaimed democratic socialist, filed paperwork in New Hampshire last week declaring that he was a Democrat. He was elected to the Senate from Vermont as an independent, but caucuses with the Democrats.

> Clinton's dig came a few days before the two, plus former Maryland Gov. Mar

tin O'Malley, meet for the paigning in New Hampshire next televised Democratic presidential debate on Saturday.

In the meantime, Clinton was courting New Hampshire voters by casting herself as "a proud Democrat" who would build on President Barack Obama's legacy.

Reprising a line that has become a crowd favorite, Clinton told a rally by the steps of the state capitol that Obama hasn't received the "credit he deserves" for helping the nation emerge from a deep recession — and made a passing reference to the economic mantra of her husband, former President Bill Clinton, whose comefrom-behind second place finish in New Hampshire propelled his candidacy in 1992.

"This election is still going to be about the economy, right? That's what it was about when my husband ran back in '92 in New Hampshire. That's what it's still about," Clinton said.

Her comments came dur- It's expected to be held ing a busy week of cam-

and a pair of debates among Republicans Tuesday night and the Democratic candidates on Saturday night in Iowa, their first since the field has winnowed to three main candidates.

Sanders and O'Malley have been stepping up their criticism of Clinton since the first debate, but she's suggested she's saving most of her fire for Republicans.

Sanders has drawn support from the Democratic Party's liberal wing, and is mounting a strong challenge to Clinton in the early voting states of lowa and New Hampshire. But national polls show Clinton with a sizable lead over her main challenger and she remains the favorite to win the Democratic nomination. Clinton was the last of the three main Democratic candidates to file. Sanders and O'Malley filed paperwork at the secretary of state's office last week. Candidates have until Nov. 20 to file for the primary. Feb. 9.

Regulators consider what to do about collapsed lobster stock

PATRICK WHITTLE Associated Press

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — Interstate fishing regulators are considering what to do about southern New England's collapsed lobster fear new restrictions could land on them as a result.

The lobster population has sunk to the lowest levels on record in southern New England waters, affecting once-productive fishing grounds off Rhode Island and southern Massachusetts. The catch off Rhode Island is a third of the size that it was in the late 1990s, and it has all but disappeared off Connecticut.

A science committee of the Atlantic States Mapopulation, and fishermen rine Fisheries Commission is working on a report about the lobster stock that the commission's lobster board will see in February.

> The board could then make a decision about the future of the fishery, includina chanaina auotas or enacting new restrictions.

William Adler, a longtime Massachusetts lobstermen and a member of the lobster board, said that a moratorium is not likely on the table but that something needs to be done to conserve the region's lobsters, which are beloved by restaurant diners. "You can't let them go free, and you can't shut them down," he said.

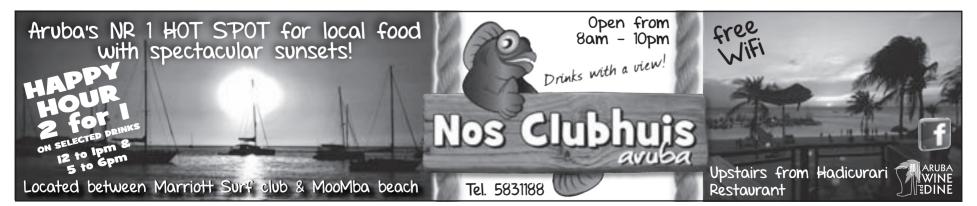
"Both extremes are not workable." The declines in lobsters off southern New England are largely in response to continued fishing pressure and adverse environmental conditions, including higher water temperatures, the commission said in a summary of a report it issued about the subject this summer.

The outlook for lobsters is much better in Maine, by far the most productive lobster fishing state in the country.

Fishermen there have landed more than 100 million pounds of lobster for four years in a row.

Overall, lobster availability and price have both been fairly high in recent months. The high price has allowed fishermen to reinvest in gear and boats, and new restrictions would curtail that growth, said Beth Casoni, executive director of the Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association.

"We want to make sure the measures aren't overly burdensome," she said. "You could lose infrastructure piers, bait suppliers, marine stores."







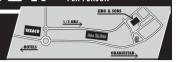
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Next GOP debate puts Fox Business moderators in spotlight

DAVID BAUDER AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Fox Business Network's Maria Bartiromo, one of the moderators for Tuesday's Republican presidential debate, says that while she wants to help viewers understand the differences between candidates, she's not looking to start brawls.

The fourth GOP debate and first since a CNBC session left candidates grumbling about the journalists asking questions — takes place Tuesday night in Mil-

Bartiromo, FBN's Neil Cavuto and Wall Street Journal editor-in-chief Gerard Baker will guide the twohour discussion starting at 9 p.m. EDT.

It's also an opportunity for the relatively little-noticed business network, which will try to push its coverage in front of as many viewers as possible.

"You want to draw out the differences, but I don't think you need to draw (them) out taking somebody's head off and having a fight," Bartiromo said on Monday. "That does make good television but it's not really helping the viewer."

A tone was set from the beginning of the CNBC debate, when candidates were asked to reveal their greatest weakness and moderator John Harwood asked Donald Trump if he was running "a comicbook version of a presidential campaign."

The Republican National Committee reacted by pulling its sponsorship for an upcoming NBC News debate and some campaigns tried to wrest control of the debate process from the committee. There

was a backlash, with President Obama wonderina how the candidates would be able to face the nation's adversaries if they thought debate moderators were too tough.

Bartiromo said she believed that her former employers at CNBC exhibited a hostility toward and disdain for the candidates. She said it was a useful reminder that the purpose of debates is to educate voters.

She said she wants to talk about the economy and believes the biggest issue for voters on this topic is how to create new jobs.

The debate is designed to focus on economic issues, but Bartiromo said potential presidents must prove themselves adept at addressing a wide range of issues. Questions surrounding Ben Carson's claims of past incidents in his life have been front and center the past few days leading Carson to strike back at the media — and Bartiromo said Fox won't be reluctant to bring the topic up. She talked to Carson about it on her daily show Monday.

She helped moderate a GOP candidates' debate



Maria Bartiromo appears on her "Mornings with Maria Bartiromo" program, on the Fox Business Network, in New York. Bartiromo, one of the moderators for the Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2015, Republican presidential debate, says that while she wants to help viewers understand the differences between candidates, she's not looking to start brawls.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

in 2012, when she was one of CNBC's biggest stars. She expects it will be valuable experience for Tuesday night.

"It helps you to remember that anything can happen," she said. "You have to be able to think on your feet. You have to be able to react to unforeseen comments, unforeseen

The previous GOP debates set viewership records for Fox News Channel, CNN and CNBC. That's a virtual certainty Tuesday for FBN, although it would be a surprise if it reached the 14 million who tuned in to CNBC last month.

FBN is available in some 82 million homes in the United States, or a little more than three-quarters of the TV

households. FBN will stream the debate online, and is trying to put the debate before a few million more TV viewers by "unbundling" the network. Some service providers, most notably DirecTV, place Fox Business Network on a more expensive programming tier, and FBN is urging those companies to let everyone with basic service see it.

President Obama launches Facebook page

K. HENNESSEY **Associated Press**

his posts, too. Obama launched his own personal Facebook page Monday, in a fresh attempt from the social media-savvy president to spread his message nontraditional through channels.

"President Obama, pub-

lic figure" was quickly welcomed to the world of likes, **WASHINGTON (AP)** — Presilong-lost friends and baby dent Barack Obama wants photos. Obama gained nizing for Action. you to like him. And com- more than 200,000 likes The new page, however, is ment on him. And share in the first three hours his aimed at casting Obama page was live. Among the early commenters was ere Facebook's chief operating officer Sheryl Sandburg. Obama has long had a Twitter account, and his political campaigns have run a Facebook page under Lincoln and other "crithis name for years. "Barack ters." Obama then works in

Obama, politician" is still run by an iteration of that political operation, Orga-

as a regular guy, not a politician. In his inaugural video post, Obama gives a small tour of his "backyard" at the White House, noting he often sees a fox on the grounds, a hawk named

a plug for his work fighting climate change and asks for support in trying to "preserve this beautiful planet of ours" for future generations. In his biography, Obama describes himself as "Dad, husband, and 44th President of the United States." But the ordinary guy routine ends there: The page also notes that comments and messages may be archived according to the Presidential Records Act.



Cameron says Britain seeks more flexible European Union



Britain's Prime Minister David Cameron addresses the annual conference of the CBI, Confederation of British Industry, in London, Monday Nov. 9, 2015. Cameron says the European Union will have to become more flexible if it wants his country to stay in the 28-nation bloc. Britain is holding a referendum by the end of 2017 on whether to remain in the bloc.

JILL LAWLESS Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — The European Union will have to become more flexible if it wants Britain to stay in the 28-nation bloc, Prime Minister David Cameron said Monday, as he insisted he is "deadly serious" about leaving if he doesn't get his way.

The U.K. government will publish its list of demands for negotiation with other EU nations on Tuesday, and is seeking to impress upon its neighbors that a "Brexit" is a real possibility. "The argument isn't whether Britain could survive outside the EU —of course we could," Cameron said. "The argument is, how are we going to be best off?" Britain, which has long had an ambivalent relationship with the EU and its vision of a borderless Europe, will hold a referendum by the

end of 2017 on whether to remain or leave.

(Dominic Lipinski/PA via AP)

Cameron says he wants to stay in — provided he secures changes allowing Britain greater autonomy. So far, his goals have been short on detail, beyond a general desire to control immigration by limiting welfare benefits for new arrivals and to ensure that the 19 eurozone countries can't impose measures on non-euro members.

Other EU nations have been broadly sympathetic, but say they want to see concrete proposals from Britain.

Cameron will publish his negotiating demands Tuesday in a letter to European Council President Donald Tusk. His office said Monday that Britain would seek reform in four areas — "sovereignty, economic governance, competitiveness and migration/welfare."

Cameron is also due to give a speech in London about the demands on Tuesday morning.

Cameron told employers' organization the Confederation of British Industry on Monday that he wants a looser, "more competitive" EU that gives greater protection to countries, including Britain, that don't use the euro currency shared by 19 EU nations.

He said he was seeking "a live-and-let-live Europe, a flexible Europe."

"We want to be in a common market, not a common country," he said.

Cameron faces the tough task of making the pro-Europe case while facing down the many anti-EU members of his Conservative Party, who believe he's not serious about leaving the bloc.

He was briefly heckled Monday by Euroskeptic students who held up a banner calling the CBI group "the voice of Brussels." Many business interests in Britain favor remaining in the EU, fearing wide disruption for U.K. manufacturers and for London's financial industry if the country leaves the EU's 500 million-person common market.

Cameron insisted "people in Europe know I am deadly serious."

"If it's flexible enough, we'll stay," he said. "If it's not flexible enough, we will have to ask ourselves a very profound question: Is this organization for us?" He insisted that Britain, as the world's fifth-biggest economy, could survive outside the EU.

That view was echoed by Foreign Secretary Philip Hammond, who is visiting the United Nations in New York.

"If we had to operate outside the European Union. we would do so." Hammond told reporters. "It would be challenging. We would have to rethink the way we operated, but it is not impossible."

Catalan lawmakers approve plan for secession from Spain

JOSEPH WILSON Associated Press BARCELONA, Spain (AP)

— The regional parliament of Catalonia launched a plan Monday to set up a road map for independence from Spain by 2017. defying warnings from the central government in Madrid that it is violating the nation's constitution.

Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy pledged to halt the effort.

northeastern city of Barcelona, passed the secession resolution in a 72-63 vote. The proposal was made by pro-secession lawmakers from the "Together for Yes" alliance and the extreme left-wing Popular Unity Candidacy (CUP). The groups together obtained a parliamentary majority in regional elections in Sep-

The chamber, based in the

tember that they presented as a stand-in plebiscite on independence after the central government in Madrid refused to allow an official referendum.

Spain's government reacted swiftly Monday. In a nationally televised address, Rajoy said his government will appeal the decision at the Constitutional Court, which has in the past blocked moves toward independence.

"Catalonia is not going anywhere. Nothing is going to break," Rajoy said.

He added he would meet with the leader of the main opposition Socialist Party, Pedro Sanchez, to forae a common front against the separatists. The resolution passed by the Catalan parliament in its first postelection session declared "the start of a process to-

ward the creation of an independent Catalan state in the form of a republic" and a "process of democratic disconnection not subject to the decisions by the institutions of the Spanish state." While separatist lawmakers celebrated the result in the chamber, opponents held up Spanish and Catalan flags.

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Greece: No agreement with creditors on bailout release



Dutch Finance Minister and chair of the eurogroup finance ministers Jeroen Dijsselbloem talks with journalists as he arrives for a meeting of eurogroup finance ministers at the EU Council building in Brussels on Monday, Nov. 9, 2015.

(AP Photo/Francois Walschaerts)

PAN PYLAS
Associated Press

BRUSSELS (AP) — Greece failed to convince European creditors Monday to release vital bailout funds to shore up the country's public coffers and its crippled banks but hopes are high that a deal will be concluded within a week. Though the Greek government has met many of the conditions attached to the country's third international bailout, it still needs to push through some fi-

nancial reforms, notably how to deal with those in arrears on their mortgages and the bad loans held by banks.

"There are open issues," Jeroen Dijsselbloem, the eurozone's top official, said after a meeting of the bloc's 19 finance ministers. Dijsselbloem said he hopes agreement on these remaining issues can be agreed on in the "coming days"

Greece is due 2 billion euros (\$2.2 billion) from its

bailout as well as 10 billion euros already set aside for the country's banks, who are reeling from capital controls and another likely recession.

But it needs to pass a series of economic reform measures to get the money from the three-year 86 billion-euro (\$93 billion) bailout program agreed on this summer in the face of potential economic collapse.

Greece's finance minister, Euclid Tsakalotos, said he was hopeful the Greek government would meet creditor demands over issues relating to Greek banks and bad debts within the timeframe outlined by Dijsselbloem.

"I have every expectation that we will have very good news by this time next week," he said.

The Greek banks are perhaps the most pressing concern facing the Greek government. They remain badly hobbled by the crisis that played out over the country's euro future in the first half of the year. They need cash and fast so they can start operating normally — the most visible sign that they are nowhere near normal is that cash withdrawals remain confined to a paltry 60 euros a day or 420 euros a week.

Last month, the European Central Bank said Greece's banks need 14.4 billion euros in fresh money to get back on their feet and resume normal business. That's actually lower than many had anticipated. Up to 25 billion euros is available from the bailout.

Klaus Regling, the head of the European Stability Mechanism, the institution that actually pays out the bailout cash, said the smaller capital shortfall means Greece's latest rescue will "very likely" be less than the up-to-86 billion euros initially foreseen.

"That's good news for Greece because it means the debt increase will be less and also good for ESM as we keep more remaining firepower," he said.

Greece's European creditors have already put aside 10 billion euros into a special account managed that can be made available to Greece "relatively quickly" but only after conditions are met.

"We hope that this can happen in the course of this week," he added.

Fire at chemical complex sends thick smoke over Dutch town

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — Students were kept late at school and residents were warned to stay inside and shut their doors and windows Monday in a southern Dutch city as firefighters battled a fierce blaze at a chemical industry complex.

Dark gray smoke billowed out of a blazing warehouse at the Chemelot complex in Geleen, 200 kilometers (120 miles) south of Amsterdam, for much of the afternoon until firefighters managed to control the fire. The regional security coor-

dination organization said there were no chemicals stored in the building that was destroyed by the fire and that no injuries were caused by the blaze or the smoke. Three nearby railway stations and roads leading to the complex were temporarily closed amid the heavy smoke. By late afternoon, warnings for all but one neighborhood near the blaze had been lifted. Monday's fire came just four days after a blaze at an ammonium plant located on the same complex.







A Russian air defense missile system Antey 2500, or S-300 VM, is on display at the MAKS Air Show in Zhukovsky outside Moscow. The head of a Russian state-controlled industrial conglomerate says the contract for the delivery of S-300 air defense missile systems to Iran has been finalized.

(AP Photo/Ivan Sekretarev)

Russia finalizes missile contract with Iran

V. ISACHENKOV Associated Press

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia has finalized a contract for the delivery of advanced air-defense missile systems to Iran, the head of a Russian state-controlled industrial conglomerate said Monday.

Sergei Chemezov, the head of Russian Technologies, the holding company that includes the Rosoboronexport arms trader, said Monday on a trip to Dubai that "the contract with Iran for the S-300 has entered into force," according to Russian news agencies.

Russia in 2010 froze a deal to supply advanced S-300 missile systems to Iran, linking the decision to U.N. sanctions. President Vladimir Putin lifted the suspension earlier this year following Iran's deal with six world powers that curbed its nuclear program in ex-

change for relief from international sanctions.

Once the first part of the contract is fulfilled, Moscow expects Iran to drop its lawsuit at a court in Geneva seeking damages for the suspension of the original deal, Chemezov said. He wouldn't specify what version of the system Russia will supply or when the delivery will be made. Russian officials have said that the specific model of the S-300 that Russia was to deliver under the 2007 contract is no longer produced, and offered Iran a modified version of it.

The missile system deal has long worried Israel and other countries in the region, as well as the U.S., which see it as destabilizing.

Arieh Herzog, a former head of Israel's Missile Defense Program, said he didn't expect the shipment to set off a regional arms race and that as far as Israel was concerned its main impact was to complicate any potential Israeli airstrike against Iran.

"The nature of deployment in Iran would be defensive and trying to prevent the capability of our air force to operate there as it may be capable of operating today," he said. "There will be a dramatic change in their capability and it does not create a reasonable environment for any operation of our air force."

Herzog said another Israeli fear was that if deployed to Iran's ally Syria, the powerful systems could fall into the hands of the Islamic State group.

Moscow has insisted the S-300 is a purely defensive system that wouldn't jeopardize the security of Israel or any other countries in the Middle East.

Thousands of Russians leave Egypt over security concerns

BRIAN ROHAN
Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) — Thousands of Russians vacationers were heading home from Egypt on Monday aboard special-planes sent by Moscow, which has suspended all flights to Egypt amid security concerns in the aftermath of the Oct. 31 plane crash of a Russian airliner that killed all 224 people onboard.

Other airliners from Britain and Western Europe also are arriving to bring their nationals home, after several countries and airlines last week suspended new flights to Egypt because of the security concerns as suspicions focused on the possibility that a bomb caused the Metrojet crash.

U.S. and British officials have cited intelligence reports as indicating that the Oct. 31 flight from the Sinai resort town of Sharm el-Sheikh to St. Petersburg was brought down by a bomb on board. Most of the 224 people onboard were Russian tourists.

British Foreign Secretary Phillip Hammond offered some of the strongest comments yet on the issue, telling reporters on Monday that it "now looks more likely than not to have been an explosive device smuggled on to the plane" by operatives or loyalists of the Islamic State group.

Hammond, speaking from the United Nations in New York, said the U.K. was willing to resume flights to Sharm el-Sheikh, but added, "That will depend on us working together with the Egyptian authorities and with the airlines to put in place security arrangements which are robust." Israel Defense Minister Moshe Yaalon told reporters on Monday that there was a "high probability" that theplane was brought down by a bomb.

Yaalon said he "would be surprised" if a planted explosive device did not cause the crash. But he noted that Israel is not involved in the investigation and said his opinion was based on "what we hear and understand." Since the Russian suspension of Egypt flights was announced on Friday, dozens of airliners have been bringing Russian tourists back home, carrying only cabin baggage, while Russian cargo planes are hauling back the rest of their luggage.

Russia's Deputy Prime Minister Arkady Dvorkovich said it would take about two weeks to bring all the stranded Russian tourists back home. Dvorkovich, who has been made the point-man for the repatriation in the wake of the Russian plane crash in Sinai, said earlier in the day 25,000 have already been brought back home since the weekend. Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev said he does not expect flights to Egypt to resume any time soon, saying that "it will take time" to ensure safety of travelers in Egypt. He stopped short of giving a timeline for that.

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Israel approves initial plans for West Bank settlement homes



Israeli soldiers stand guard in the West Bank city of Hebron.
Israel last month gave preliminary approval to development plans that could build more than 2,000 homes in West Bank settlements over the next 15 years, according to documents obtained Monday.

(AP Photo/Nasse Shihoukhi)

DANIELLA CHESLOW Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel last month gave preliminary approval to development plans that could build more than 2,000 homes in West Bank settlements over the next 15 years, according to docu-

ments obtained Monday. The plans came as Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was in Washington for a high-profile meeting with President Barack Obama.

Official records from an Oct. 21 planning committee meeting showed that

officials gave preliminary approval to build about 2,200 homes in several existing settlements east of the Palestinian city of Ramallah by 2030. The plans were first reported by the Haaretz daily.

Hagit Ofran of the anti-settlement group Peace Now said that it could be years before any of the homes are built since the plan must pass several other phases before construction can begin. Still, she said it shows the "vision" that Netanyahu's government has for the area.

The Palestinians seek all

of the West Bank, captured by Israel in the 1967 Mideast war, as part of a future independent state. The international community opposes settlements as illegal or illegitimate and says they hinder efforts for Palestinian statehood.

The meeting took place at a time of rising violence. On Monday, Israeli security forces shot and killed a Palestinian woman at a West Bank checkpoint after she allegedly pulled a knife in an attempt to stab guards.

Since mid-September, 12

Israelis have been killed in Palestinian attacks, mostly stabbing assaults. Meanwhile, 75 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli fire, including 48 said by Israel to be involved in attacks or attempted attacks. The other Palestinians died in clashes between stonethrowers and security forces. In Monday's incident, the Israeli Defense Ministry said the woman ignored calls to stop and also warning shots as she walked toward a checkpoint near the Alfei Menashe settlement in the northern West Bank.

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Egypt police report senior IS militant killed in city of Cairo

CAIRO (AP) — Egyptian police have killed a top commander of a local Islamic State affiliate in a Cairo raid, the Interior Ministry said Monday.

Ashraf Ali Hassanein Gharabli died in a firefight that erupted when police tried to arrest him on Sunday in the capital's El-Marg district, the statement said, adding that Gharabli had opened fire with a 9mm pistol when policemen approached him outside his car.

It said Gharabli was implicated in a series of militant attacks, including the beheading of a Croatian engineer last summer, the killing of an American oil worker a year earlier, and the July bombing of the

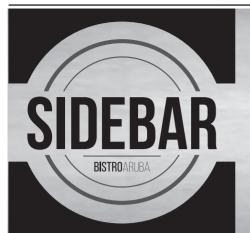
Italian Consulate in Cairo, which killed one person and wounded at least 10. The ministry said Gharabli attempted to assassinate the former Interior Minister Mohamed Ibrahim in 2013, and was behind the September kidnapping and killing of a guide in the Western Desert who the militants said had worked with security forces.

Egyptian security forces have for years battled an Islamic insurgency based in the restive Sinai Peninsula, where a local Islamic State affiliate has claimed a series of attacks against police and military checkpoints. The fighting has surged since the army overthrew Islamist President Mohammed Morsi in 2013.



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Mexico:

Rights group blasts prosecutors over missing students



A man holds a banner that reads in Spanish "Justice" in Iguala, Guerrero State, Mexico.

Mexico's National Human Rights Commission is criticizing the Attorney General's Office for failing to address all the recommendations it made in July about the investigation into the fate of 43 missing college students.

(AP Photo/Rebecca Blackwell)

MARIA VERZA Associated Press MEXICO CITY (AP)

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico's National Human Rights Commission is criticizing the Attorney General's Office for failing to address all the recommendations it made in July about the investigation into the fate of 43 missing college students.

In a document, the commission said the office's response to its report has been "insufficient and im-

precise" and prosecutors have failed to provide documentation to supports some of their positions. The human rights commission issued a list of 32 omissions in and recommendations for the investigation of the disappearance of the teachers' college students, a case that has sparked large protests and outrage around the world. The students from the southern state of Guerrero disappeared in the

city of Iguala while commandeering transit buses to take them to a protest. The Attorney General's Office says the students were detained by local police on Sept. 26, 2014, and handed over to a drug cartel, which killed and incinerated them at a dump. Their remains were allegedly put in garbage bags and dumped in a nearby river. But the commission's July report said the federal investigation had not de-

of the missing students that would include basic details such as blood type, fingerprints and distinguishing characteristics such as scars or tattoo. Many of the report's observations concerned the collection and analysis of evidence from the garbage dump in Cocula and the San Juan river where allegedly bags of their remains were dumped. Later, an independent panel formed by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights also dismantled the government's official version of events. The Mexican human rights commission said that of the 26 observations it made in its July report that related to the federal Attorney General's Office — there were also recommendations for state and local authorities — two were "partially attended to; one was partially addressed with a minimal advance; three are the process of being attended to and 20 weren't addressed" at all. Late Sunday, the Attorney General's Office released a statement saying it was ready to fulfill "each and every observation" made by the commission and said it would send it new documentation next week.

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Venezuela says US intelligence plane violated airspace

RICARDO NUNES
Associated Press
CARACAS, Venezuela
(AP) — Venezuela claims
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a U.S. Coast Guard plane it describes as an intelligence aircraft violated the South American country's airspace.

Defense Minister Vladimir Padrino said Sunday the Dash-8 aircraft flew out of Curação, a Dutch island not far off Venezuela's Caribbean coast. He said that during a 30-minute period the plane twice entered Venezuelan airspace over the tiny archipelago of Los Monjes on Friday while performing what appeared to be a reconnaissance mission in the Gulf of Venezuela, which is also bounded by Colombia.

In comments on the state channel Telesur, Padrino said other U.S. reconnaissance and military transport aircraft had flown close to Venezuela in recent days.

While he offered no evidence to back the claims, he said the timing of the apparent maneuvers, as the country prepares for key legislative elections next month, was suspicious, recalling other U.S. military exercises that allegedly preceded a brief coup in 2002 against then President Hugo Chavez.

"It's completely unusual that these types of aircraft, with all their electronic surveillance characteristics, to come near our area of influence," said Padrino, adding that the USS George Washington aircraft carrier would pass nearby Venezuela around the same time as the Dec. 6 vote.

Colombia jails 3 accused of child welfare fraud

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)

— A judge in Colombia has jailed three individuals on charges they stole nearly \$800,000 from a program to feed children and lower the infant mortality rate in the country's poorest state.

Of those jailed one is an employee of Colombia's state-run welfare agency and the other two are linked to a foundation accused of inflating contracts for services in La Guajira department along the Ca-

ribbean coast. In total 11 people are suspected of scamming the agency out of more than \$2 million since 2011. La Guajira has the highest child malnourishment rate in Colombia, at 11 percent, and stories

of children dying have proliferated recently as a drought affecting the area has intensified. Most of those affected are seminomadic Wayuu Indians who have lived on the peninsula for centuries.



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Aruba Marriott Thanks Their Customers During Global Customer Appreciation Week

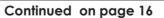
PALM BEACH - During the week of October 26th to October 30th, the Sales & Marketing, Reservations and Events Team at the Aruba Marriott celebrated Global Customer Appreciation Week showing gratitude to their customers in a unique way.

Global Customer Appreciation Week (GCAW) is an initiative of Marriott International, celebrated worldwide to show our customers how much Marriott values their business and take the OPPORTUNITY to APPRECI-ATE them and their loyalty to our brands. It's a great time to reinforce relationships with existing customers and establish connections with new ones. It is also an opportunity to highlight the great customer service provided by our associates.

During this special week the Sales Team along with Executive Members made spe-



cial visits to local and international customers surprising them with specials treats as a token of appreciation for always trusting the Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino with organizing their meetings and events.















Culinary Memories from Mexico





PALM BEACH - In 2014 Chef Urvin (Executive Chef of The Kitchen Table by White and White Modern Cuisine) was invited to a luxury resort in Mexico by famous winery Kendall Jackson. The invitation was for him to share his Aruban culinary talent with staff and guests, in a culinary workshop attended by 250 guests.

The Mexican cuisine is traditionally a fusion of indigenous Mesoamerican cooking with European, mostly Spanish, elements added after the Spanish conquest of the Aztec Empire in the 16th century. Mexican kitchen known for delicious combinations fish, of chicken and meat, a variety of vegetables and well balanced use of some typically spicy peppers, which in this month's menu more traditional Caribbean influences.

Naturally, for a foodie like Chef Urvin, the opportunity to explore Mexico's food fare was a delight, and he tried everything from the highest gourmet cuisine to the street side taquerías. It was here in Mexico where Chef Urvin tried the spiciest sauce he has ever had the dubious pleasure of encountering, that to this day is still vividly in his mind. Fortunately, he has assuaged some of these spices without sacrificing any of the flavors to present his rendition of Mexican cuisine, with a touch of the Caribbean as per his signature trademark.

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Ms. Darline S. de Cuba representing the Aruba Tourism Authority, Visitors Care Liaison, bestowed the certificate of Distinguished Visitor to

the honoree on behalf of the Government of Aruba.

Ms. De Cuba thanked them for choosing Aruba as their vacation destination and as their home away from home for so many years.

Katrina stated that her main reasons for returning to Aruba are the weather, the restaurants, the safety, and of course most of all, the peo-

ple

Representatives of 'First Club Guest Service' were present at the ceremony and handed out some nice gifts to the honoree and also thanked them on behalf of the Occidental Beach Resort.

Additional congratulations go to Mr. and Mrs. Forrester for getting married on Aruba!



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Special thank you cards were also handed out to guests upon check-in and fun photo sessions were held in the lobby to thank the guests for their loyalty to the Marriott brand.

As part of every Global Customer Appreciation Week, the Sales & Marketing, Reservations and Events team also gave back to the community by visiting Huize Maristella to enjoy a pleasant morning interacting, playing bingo and dancing with the elderly while they enjoyed their favorite treats such as pan dushi, pan bollo, drigidrek and fruit punch prepared by the Aruba Marriott Culinary Team.

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Peter Malnati salutes the gallery on the 18th green as he completes his round at the Sanderson Farms Championship golf tournament in Jackson, Miss., Monday, Nov. 9, 2015. Malnati won for the first time on the PGA Tour, closing with a 5-under 67.

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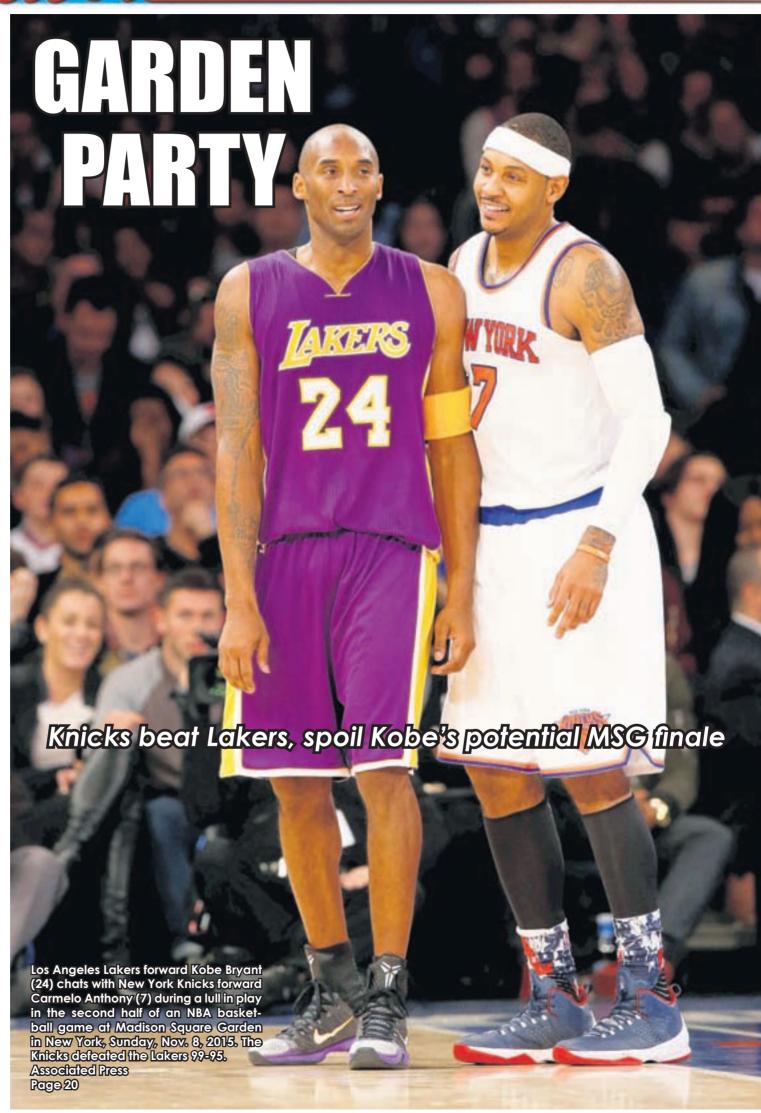
Peter Malnati wins Sanderson Farms for 1st PGA Tour victory

DAVID BRANDT
AP Sports Writer
JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Peter Malnati finished his final round with a one-stroke lead. He then went to the clubhouse, where he watched the rest of the tournament on TV, talked with his wife and even did a few pull-ups to stay loose. Turns out the extra exercise wasn't needed. He had his first PGA Tour victory already wrapped up.

The 28-year-old Malnati shot a 5-under 67 on Monday to rally past a crowded leaderboard and win the Sanderson Farms Championship, beating William McGirt and David Toms by one stroke.

Malnati finished at 18 under in a rain-soaked tournament that was forced to complete play Monday. He was one shot behind going into the final round but closed with five birdies over his last 12 holes.

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Knox goes from cart boy to World Golf Championship winner

DOUG FERGUSON AP Golf Writer

SHANGHAI (AP) — Russell Knox would appear to have all the ingredients to succeed in golf.

But that would be skimming over the details.

Knox grew up in Scotland, the home of golf, and he once competed for his country in a youth tournament, where he first saw Rory McIlroy. He came to Florida to play college golf and was among the top players on his team for four years. As for his wife? He met her at Marsh Landing Country Club in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida.

Now for those details.

"She was the tennis pro," Knox said. "And I was the cart boy."

He smiled at the memory Sunday at Sheshan International as he signed flags and caps to commemorate his two-shot victory in the HSBC Champions, making him the first player to win a World Golf Championship in his debut since the series began in 1999.

The victory was not so much a long time coming for the 30-year-old Knox as much as it was a long journey that was more about belief and hard work than raw talent.

It took him five years just to reach the PGA Tour, and he lasted only one season before having to fight his



Russell Knox of Scotland looks at his shot on the 7th hole during the final round of the HSBC Champions golf tournament at the Sheshan International Golf Club in Shanghai, China Sunday, Nov. 8, 2015.

way back.

Progress was slow, but at least he was moving forward.

Asked about his amateur days growing up in Inverness, he rubbed his forehead and said, "Oh, this might be hard. I wasn't very good."

It was at a European youth event in Spain where he saw McIlroy. After hearing the sound the ball made off McIlroy's club, Knox knew he had his work cut out for him. Through a recruiting service, he landed a scholarship at Jacksonville University. The coach was

Mike Flemming, who died of lung failure in the spring of 2014, and Knox choked up when he thought about the man who "taught me everything I know" about golf.

"I didn't realize how bad a golfer I was when I came to the U.S.," Knox said. "What I mean by that was if I went to a bigger school, I would have been completely overwhelmed and devastated how good the other players were in this country. Going to a small school like Jacksonville University, where I was the No. 1 and No. 2 player, allowed me to play every tournament.

Associated Press

"The last time I checked, if you're not playing in tournaments, you're not improving." And he almost didn't get in this one. Knox was in Malaysia for the CIMB Classic when he learned that J.B. Holmes had pulled out of the HSBC Champions and he was in. One problem: he needed a Chinese visa, and he had a tee time Friday. His wife, Andrea, filled out forms and got them to the consulate in Kuala Lumpur. They weren't approved until Monday afternoon, flew overnight to Shanghai, and his wife carried his bag in his lone practice round because his caddie was still waiting on his visa.

The rest of the week was a blur. Perhaps the smartest move all week was not finishing the third round in the dark Saturday, choosing to get up Sunday morning to play the par-5 18th. He hit wedge to 3 feet for birdie to tie Kevin Kisner for the lead, and then he kept his poise during what had the feel of David vs. Goliath.

Knox and Dustin Johnson started to pull away early. Knox chose not to watch Johnson for the front nine to avoid getting intimidated by Johnson's power, though he couldn't ignore that he was some 50 yards behind in the fairway. No matter. He hit fairways and fired longer irons into the green to stay ahead.

The only sign of a struggle was missing a 3-foot birdie putt on No. 8 and making bogey on the next hole to fall into a five-way tie.

He thought back to the wall outside the clubhouse that featured winners of the HSBC Champions and other World Golf Championships.

"They're superstars," Knox said. "I kept saying, 'If I want to win tournaments and be like a star, you've got to do it. In the past, I think I was afraid to take up the space.

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He was remarkably calm down the stretch, avoiding trouble at the Country Club of Jackson. He made par on his final three holes, sinking a 3-foot putt on No. 18 to hold his one-stroke lead.

Then, it was time to wait. "It was kind of all surreal at that point," Marnati said. "I was definitely happy. I don't really know what all I was feeling."

Soon enough, he was feeling like a PGA Tour winner. The victory continued a trend for younger winners: He's the fifth first-time win-



Peter Malnati watches his putt roll in the 18th hole at the Sanderson Farms Championship golf tournament in Jackson, Miss., Monday, Nov. 9, 2015. Malnati won for the first time on the PGA Tour, closing with a 5-under 67. **Associated Press**

ner in five events this sea-

The waterlogged event in Jackson was delayed five times, either by rain, lightning or darkness. The final day was a long one for several players, with some finishing as many as 30 holes. The leaderboard was constantly changing throughout Monday's marathon round, with about 15 players moving in and out of contention.

Roberto Castro led through the first two rounds but shot a 3-over 75 in the third round. He finished at 16 under in a tie for fourth.

Malnati was one of the few constants throughout the day. He had back-to-back

bogeys on Nos. 5 and 6, but quickly recovered with birdies on four of the next six holes.

Malnati said he promised himself he wouldn't be watching the scoreboard if he was in contention during the final round, but curiosity overwhelmed him when he was on the 18th green.

He turned to his caddie Shane Joel and asked how he was doing in relation to one shot lead after the the field.

Joel's response: "How about we just hit a good putt right here."

He did. It earned him a \$738,000 paycheck and an exemption for the next two-plus years.

"I'm not a big stats guy, but

I'll enjoy looking at my stats because I bet I hit a lot of greens, particularly over the last two rounds," Malnati said.

This is Malnati's second goround on the PGA Tour. He struggled as a rookie in 2014 and lost his card, but re-gained it after finishing ninth on the Web.com Tour last season.

Patton Kizzire and the 48-year-old Toms had a third round before shuffling back into the pack early in the final round.

Toms still hung around the leaders all day, but couldn't quite make the charge for his 14th career win. He had four birdies on the back nine.



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Key injuries could determine playoff races in 2nd half

BY **BARRY** WILNER AP PRO FOOTBALL WRITER

Just as important as filling a roster with skilled players is keeping that talent healthy.

In no place is that more apparent than the AFC North, which pretty much already has been decided by who has avoided sick bay.

The Bengals are 8-0 on merit, but other than linebacker Vontaze Burfict, they've stayed away from impactful injuries. The rest of the division has been an M.A.S.H. unit.

Baltimore is languishing at 2-6 in part because of an epidemic that has cost the Ravens their top defensive player, linebacker Terrell Suggs, and their one elite receiver, Steve Smith. Baltimore has 12 players on injured reserve and, shockingly considering its history for nearly two decades, is in the running for the top overall draft pick.

"You move on, That's what you have to do," coach John Harbaugh says. "It never changes. We're never going to use excuses, we're never going to say that we don't have enough firepower or enough ammunition. We're never going to say that because we don't believe it. We always believe that we've got players in the pipeline that can get the job done."

Cleveland also has been Quarterback ravaged. Josh McCown's gutsy display on the field despite a shoulder problem was admirable, if somewhat counterproductive. cornerback Joe Haden is battling concussion issues, as is safety Donte Whitner. Coach Mike Pettine is fortunate if he can find 11 supposedly healthy players to start on defense.

Then there's Pittsburgh, which saw Le'Veon Bell, its 2014 All-Pro running back, go out with a tornup knee in Week 8. Now, it's QB Ben Roethlisberger, who already missed four games with a knee issue and hurt his left foot on Sunday. He's gone for at least one game, and with Of course, injuries have not been limited to that division, and several presumed contenders have flopped in great part because of them.

Dallas (2-6) is Exhibit A, with Tony Romo's collarbone following Dez Bryant's broken foot. Bryant is back, Romo will be by

done for 2015) and Marquise Goodwin (ribs), and RBs LeSean McCoy (hamstring) and rookie Karlos Williams (concussion) have been sidelined at various times.

That puts an extra burden on the defense, which is missing tackle Kyle Williams (knee) and safety Aaron

could plague one of the leaders of Denver's staunch defense, and disrupt the pass rush.

DE CHARLES JOHNSON, PANTHERS - He's on shortterm IR and could bolster an already solid, big-play defense on the NFC's only unbeaten team.

OT JASON PETERS, EAGLES - No one wants to lose their blind-side quarterback protector.

OT NATE SOLDER, and RB DION LEWIS, PATRIOTS - Ditto for the Patriots, except they find ways to plug in linemen. Running backs, too, but replacing the versatility shown by Lewis could be difficult.

C NICK MANGOLD, JETS - The most efficient Jets blocker has been slowed by neck issues. Not good on a run-oriented team.

LB ALEC OGLETREE, RAMS - St. Louis' most versatile defender should return by the end of the season. Will the Rams still be in the wildcard race?

DT HARRY ANDERSON and DE ARTHUR JONES, COLTS -Anderson was a revelation as a rookie, and Jones will continue being missed in the trenches.

RB ARIAN FOSTER, TEXANS - A team with uncertain quarterbacking can't afford to lose its top runner.

QB TEDDY BRIDGEWATER, VIKINGS - Minnesota's turnaround could be shortcircuited if Bridgewater's concussion sidelines him for a while.

RB JAMAAL CHARLES, hand in a July 4 fireworks CHIEFS - Kansas City is on the periphery of the wildcard chase, but not likely to stay there minus its best playmaker.

> DE CAMERON WAKE, DOL-PHINS - Miami also is a long shot for the postseason, and Wake's injury really lengthens the odds.



Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger (7) is taken away in a cart after he was injured in the fourth quarter of an NFL football game against the Oakland Raiders, Sunday, Nov. 8, 2015, in Pittsburgh. The Steelers won 38-35. **Associated Press**

the Steelers at 5-4, that's a huge deal for their playoff chances.

Pittsburgh has remained competitive because of an improved defense, the magnificence of receiver Antonio Brown, and the drick was lost for the seatimely signing in the offseason of DeAngelo Williams as a backup to Bell. But such major injuries eventually catch up to teams, and the Steelers still have Seattle, Indianapolis, Cincinnati and Denver on the schedule.

the end of the month, but not linebacker Sean Lee, the defensive leader, who is dealing with concussion issues. Even before Bryant and Romo went down, top cornerback Orlando Scanson with a torn ACL.

Another prime example is Buffalo, which is at .500 despite a slew of problems, mostly to the offense. QB Tyrod Taylor (knee), receivers Sammy Watkins (ankle/ hamstring), Percy Harvin (knee and hip and now Williams.

Some teams have the good fortune of getting back some key performers. Giants DE Jason Pierre-Paul, who blew off a finger and damaged his right accident, made his regular-season debut Sunday.

As we move into the stretch drive, here's a look at other injuries that could have the biggest effect on the playoff races.

DEMARCUS WARE, BRONCOS - A balky back

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NBA Capsules

Knicks beat Lakers in Bryant's likely farewell to the Garden

NEW YORK (AP) — Carmelo Anthony scored 24 points and the New York Knicks spoiled what might have been Kobe Bryant's last game at Madison Square Garden, beating the Los Angeles Lakers 99-95 on Sunday.

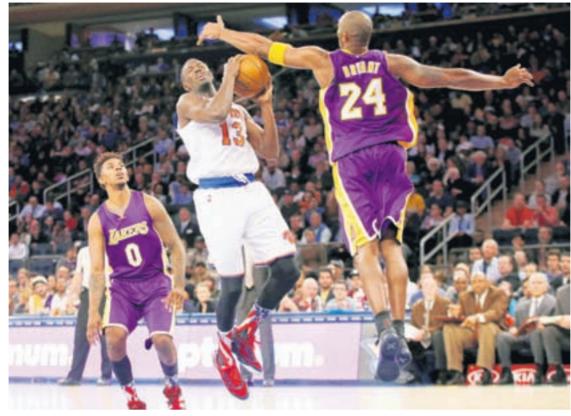
Bryant finished with 18 points, far off the 30.7 per game he had been averaging here and fewer than half the 40 or more he managed on three occasions during a series of highlights in the arena.

The 37-year-old superstar, who hasn't said if he will retire after this season, missed two shots and twice fouled Anthony during New York's 11-0 run that turned a three-point deficit into a 98-90 lead.

Jose Calderon, Robin Lopez and Langston Galloway all scored 14 points for the Knicks, who snapped a three-game losing streak with their first home victory of the season.

CAVALIERS 101, PACERS 97
CLEVELAND (AP) — LeBron
James scored 29 points
playing with a bruised
quadriceps, and the Cavaliers beat the Pacers for
their sixth straight win.

James took a knee to the



Los Angeles Lakers forward Nick Young (0) watches as Lakers forward Kobe Bryant (24) defends \New York Knicks guard Jerian Grant (13) in the second half of an NBA basketball game at Madison Square Garden in New York, Sunday, Nov. 8, 2015. The Knicks defeated the Lakers 99-95.

Associated Press

leg Friday and said he would get round-the-clock treatment so he could play against the Pacers. The treatment paid off as James hit seven free throws down the stretch and found Kevin Love for two key baskets in the final 27 seconds.

Love scored 22 points and

had 19 rebounds for the Cavaliers, who haven't lost since the season opener against Chicago.

Paul George scored 32 points for Indiana, which went scoreless for nearly four minutes after taking a 90-88 lead.

PISTONS 120, TRAIL BLAZERS 103

Associated Press
PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) —
Andre Drummond had 29
points and 27 rebounds,
Reggie Jackson scored a
career-high 40 points and
Detroit rallied in the fourth

quarter to beat Portland.

Jackson had 26 points in the fourth quarter alone and the Pistons outscored the Blazers 41-11 in the final

period

It was the Pistons' first win in Portland since 2007 and snapped a six-game overall losing streak to the Blazers.

Damian Lillard had 26 points and 11 rebounds and the Blazers' modest three-game winning streak was snapped. C.J. McCollum added 18 points.

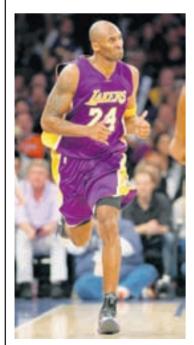
The Blazers led by as many as 18 points in the third quarter, but Detroit's Kentavious Caldwell-Pope hit a 3-pointer that closed the gap to 98-92 with 7:18 left. Drummond's layup pulled the Pistons within 98-96 and Jackson's floater with 5:21 left tied it at 98. Jackson hit another to put the Piston's in front with 4:46 left, and they never trailed again.

HEAT 96, RAPTORS 76

MIAMI (AP) — Chris Bosh scored 23 points, Hassan Whiteside added 20 points and 11 rebounds, and the Heat rolled in the second half to beat the Raptors.

Dwyane Wade scored 12 and Tyler Johnson added 10 for Miami, which outscored the Raptors 30-16 in the third and then put the game away with an 18-3 run in the fourth.

Kobe says another Olympics 'would mean the world' to him



TIM REYNOLDS

AP Basketball Writer

MIAMI (AP) — Kobe Bryant sounds like someone
who wants to play beyond this season — if only

for a few months.

Bryant said Monday that he still wants to be part of the team that USA Basketball will send to the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympics, a tournament that theoretically could mark the end of his competitive basketballcareer if he retires at the conclusion of this NBA season. Bryant

Los Angeles Lakers forward Kobe Bryant runs down court after scoring in the second half of an NBA basketball game against the New York Knicks at Madison Square Garden in New York, Sunday, Nov. 8, 2015.

Associated Press

helped the U.S. win gold at the 2008 Beijing Games and 2012 London Games. "It would mean the world to me to be around those guys," Bryant said in an interview with The Associated Press. "I think to be able to have a chance to continue the relationship that I already have with most of those guys, talking and just kind of being around each other and understanding that this is it, it's just us being together, that would be fun."

Bryant is in his 20th season with the Lakers, and questions have been rampant for some time whether this NBA year will be his last. Bryant has suggested that he's leaning in that direction, though has stopped short of making a true retirement announcement.

The notion of Bryant being on the Olympic team started being bandied about in earnest in Au-

gust, when USA Basket-ball chairman Jerry Colangelo revealed that he had spoken with the five-time NBA champion — who previously said he wouldn't play in Rio — about the potential of being on the team. The 12 players on the list for Rio is expected to be revealed in June.

"How I feel now is that I feel like I can add value from a leadership perspective and a defensive perspective," Bryant said. "I can still move extremely well defensively."

Bryant will turn 38 two days after the gold-medal game in Rio. He has been on five different USABasketball national teams, with those teams combining to go 36-0 in

international competition. If he is picked for Rio, he and other veterans like LeBron James, Chris Paul and Carmelo Anthony would have a chance at becoming the first U.S. men to win Olympic basketball gold three times. "I would like to play," Bryant said. "I think it'd be awesome. A beautiful experience. I'm a global kid. I grew up in Italy, I know a lot of athletes from different parts of the world, from different sports. It'd be great to play in that environment."

Bryant is the third-leading scorer in NBA history. He's averaging 16.5 points per game so far this season, and he and the Lakers visit the Miami Heat on Tuesday night.





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NHL Capsules

Stars continue strong form with win at Red Wings

DETROIT (AP) — Patrick Sharp and Valeri Nichushkin scored in the first period and the Dallas Stars had two empty-net goals in a 4-1 victory over the Detroit Red Wings on Sun-

Kari Lehtonen stopped 10 of 11 shots in the first two periods and finished with 21 saves for Dallas. The Western Conferenceleading Stars have won three straight and six of seven.

Jimmy Howard stopped 20 shots for the Red Wings before getting knocked out of the game midway through the third period. Dallas center Jason Spezza's right knee connected with the left side of Howard's head as he skated toward the front of the crease. After Howard was evaluated on the ice, Petr Mrazek replaced him.

Mrazek made just two saves before being pulled to add an extra skater, leaving the net open for Tyler Seguin to shoot into with 1:08 left. Cody Eakin added another emptynet goal in the final minute.

Gustav Nyquist scored for Detroit.

BLAKCHAWKS 4, OILERS 2

CHICAGO (AP) — Patrick Kane had a goal and three assists, rookie Artemi Panarin scored twice in the first period and Corey Crawford made 34 saves to lead Chicago past Edmonton.

Artem Anisimov added a power-play goal with 5.1 seconds left. The Blackhawks ended a twogame slide and won for just the second time in six games.

Kane extended his point

streak to 10 games. He has seven goals and 10 assists during the run.

Crawford wasn't beaten until Edmonton's Jordan Eberle scored a powerplay goal at 2:56 of the third period on the Oilers' 29th shot. Andrej Sekera cut it to 3-2 with 1:51 left and Edmonton goalie Cam Talbot on the bench for an extra attacker.

Talbot made 24 saves and the Oilers dropped their second straight without injured rookie Connor McDavid.

BRUINS 2, ISLANDERS 1

NEW YORK (AP) — Ryan Spooner and Patrice Bergeron scored, Tuukka Rask made 36 saves and Boston beat New York to snap a three-game losing streak.

Spooner opened the scoring with a powerplay goal on a two-man advantage 13 minutes in. He finished a pretty passing play with a shot past goaltender Jaroslav Halak from the doorstep for his third of the season. David Krejci and Bergeron provided assists.

Bergeron scored with 5:47 left in the second on a point shot that was deflected in. Officials originally said the puck went in off Brad Marchand and awarded him the goal, but it was later changed to Bergeron's score after replays showed the pick tipped off defenseman Nick Leddy.

Former Bruin Johnny Boychuk scored for the Islanders on a two-man advantage with 6:42 left in the third. The Islanders squandered two power plays earlier in the final period, drawing boos from the crowd.



Dallas Stars left wing Jamie Benn (14) is checked by Detroit Red Wings center Joakim Andersson (18) in the third period of an NHL hockey game, Sunday, Nov. 8, 2015 in Detroit.

Associated Press

Kyle Palmieri scored on the power play with 1:27 left in overtime and New Jersey endured a rally by Vancouver.

The Canucks made it 3-3 with consecutive goals by Alexander Edler and Sven Baertschi in the second

Keith Kinkaid made 28 saves, and Adam Henrique, Mike Cammalleri and Sergey Kalinin also scored for New Jersey. The Devils have won four of their past five games and eight of 10 since a 0-3-1 start.

DEVILS 4, CANUCKS 3, OT period. Baertschi tied it Ryan Miller made 24 NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — with 5:54 left. saves, Chris Higgins also scored and Vancouver lost its third straight.

Higgins scored 2:20 into the game, but then Henrique and Cammalleri got goals later in the first and Kalinin made it 3-1 midway through the second.



Former Seattle Mariners' Ken Griffey Jr. smiles as he stands on the sidelines before an NFL football game between the Seattle Seahawks and San Francisco 49ers, Sunday, Dec. 14, 2014, in

Associated Press

Griffey, Hoffman among newcomers on Hall of Fame ballot

NEW YORK (AP) - Ken Griffey All-Star who had 601 saves. Jr. and Trevor Hoffman are among 15 newcomers on this year's Hall of Fame ballot and will face a newly trimmed electorate along with steroid-tainted holdovers Barry Bonds, Roger Clemens, Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa.

David Eckstein, Troy Glaus, Mike Hampton, Mike Lowell and Billy Wagner also are among the players eligible for the first time on the 32man ballot announced Monday. A vote of at least 75 percent from the Baseball Writers' Association of America is needed for election. Results will be announced Jan. 6.

The Hall's board of directors announced a change in July, cutting voters from about 600 to 450 by eliminating writers who had not been active in the game for more than 10 years. Previously, the electorate included people who had been active BBWAA members for 10 consecutive years at any point.

Martinez, John Smoltz and Craig Biggio were elected in 2015, the first time since Kendall, Jeff Kent, Mike 1955 writers picked a quartet of players in one year. Griffey, a unanimous pick for the 1997 AL MVP award, is a 13-time All-Star and 10time Gold Glove winner

Pedro

Randy Johnson,

the career list. Hoffman is a seven-time

who hit 630 homers, sixth on

second to Mariano Rivera's 652.

Mike Piazza (69.9 percent) fell 28 votes short last year and returns along with Jeff Bagwell (55.7 percent), Tim Raines (55.0), Curt Schilling (39.2), Roger Clemens (37.5), Bonds 202 (36.8) and Lee Smith (30.2).

Alan Trammell (25.1) and McGwire (10.0) are in their final year of eligibility. Sosa (6.6) is in danger of falling below the 5 percent threshold needed to stay on the ballot.

Votes must be submitted by Dec. 21. Players elected along with choices announced Dec. 7 by the pre-integration era committee (through 1946) will be inducted July 24 at Cooperstown.

The ballot: Garret Anderson, Brad Ausmus, Jeff Bagwell, Barry Bonds, Luis Castillo, Roger Clemens, David Eckstein, Jim Edmonds, Nomar Garciaparra, Troy Glaus, Ken Griffey Jr., Mark Grudzielanek, Mike Hampton, Trevor Hoffman, Jason Lowell, Edgar Martinez, Fred McGriff, Mark McGwire, Mike Mussina, Mike Piazza, Tim Raines, Curt Schilling, Gary Sheffield, Lee Smith, Sammy Sosa, Mike Sweeney, Alan Trammell, Billy Wagner, Larry Walker, Randy Winn.



Portland Timbers goalkeeper Adam Larsen Kwarasey (12) stops a shot from the Vancouver Whitecaps FC during the first half of MLS soccer action in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, Sunday, Nov. 8, 2015.

Associated Press

Dallas, Red Bulls, Portland and Columbus in MLS last 4

FRISCO, Texas (AP) — Dallas' Walker Zimmerman forced extra time with a stoppage-time goal and scored the clinching penalty in the shootout to give the Texan club victory over Seattle on Sunday and a place in Major League Soccer's Western Conference finals.

Dallas won 4-2 in the shootout after three leadchanging goals in the final 10 minutes of regulation time and then 30 scoreless minutes of extra time. Both teams won their home leg 2-1.

Dallas advanced to West finals series against Portland, which won 2-0 at Vancouver after a goalless first leg. The Timbers took an iron grip on the series with a first-half away goal. New York Red Bulls also advanced to the last four of the playoffs following a 1-0 home win against D.C. United which secured a 2-0 aggregate victory over the

New York's opponent in the East decider will be Columbus, which needed extra time to beat Montreal. Seattle tried to defend its lead from the home leg, and retained that advantage until Tesho Akindele broke through in the 84th, heading home Je-Vaughn Watson's cross to put Dallas ahead on away goals.

The Sounders equalized on the night and went back ahead on aggregate when Chad Marshall headed in Marco Pappa's corner in the 90th.

Less than a minute later, Zimmerman nodded in a turnaround header which sent the game to extra

Portland's Fanendo Adi scored the critical away goal in the 31st minute and the Timbers went on to win 2-0 at Vancouver, taking an aggregate victory by the same score.

Adi's goal was set-up by Diego Valeri, and Diego Chara capped the win in second-half stoppage time, sending Portland to the West finals for the second time in franchise history.

New York's Bradley Wright-Phillips scored 2 minutes into second-half stoppage time to clinch a place in the Eastern Conference finals against Columbus.

The Red Bulls, who won the first leg of the twogame series 1-0 last week in Washington, held on against a United team that had opportunities to score and level the series on agareaate.

It was the second straight year that the Red Bulls have eliminated Washington at the conference semifinal stage.

Columbus 2-1 after the first leg in Montreal, but matched that scoreline at home, and Kei Kamara scored his second goal of the game in extra time to win it.

Kamara opened the scoring in the fourth minute, and Montreal's Dilly Duka equalized in the 40th.

Columbus' Ethan Finlay scored in the 77th to make it 2-1 on the night and 3-3 on aggregate, sending the match to extra time, and Kamara came up with the winner in the 111th minute.





Mysterious electric car startup looking to build \$1B factory

JUSTIN PRITCHARD Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The luxury electric car market may be small, but it's lucrative enough to get another jolt — this time from a mysterious startup that says it wants to re-imagine how people interact with their autos.

The startup's name is Faraday Future, and it has been hunting for a place to build what it says will be a \$1 billion manufacturing plant for a new line of cars. Four states are contenders and the company says to expect an announcement within weeks.

Headquartered in a low-profile office just south of Los Angeles, Faraday is holding a lot of details close. Though it won't confirm the source of its funds, documents filed in California point to a parent company run by a Chinese billionaire who styles himself after Apple's late Steve Jobs.

Based on the few other public clues, Faraday is following the path blazed by Tesla Motors, its would-be rival hundreds of miles (kilometers) away in Silicon Valley.

Like Tesla, Faraday's car will be all-electric, and debut at the high end.

The startup of about 400 employees has poached executive talent from Tesla and also draws its name

from a luminary scientist — Michael Faraday — who helped harness for humanity the forces of nature.

Even Faraday's public announcement that Califor-

nected class.

"People's lives are changed by their mobile devices, the way that we interact," Faraday spokeswoman Stacy Morris said. to production — and that's when they already have their factories up and running.

"Developing an electric vehicle platform from



This Friday, Nov. 6, 2015 photo shows the Faraday Future building in Gardena, Calif. Faraday Future has been hunting for a place to build what it says will be a \$1 billion manufacturing plant for a new line of cars.

Associated Press

nia, Georgia, Louisiana and Nevada are finalists for the factory mirrors the approach Tesla took to build a massive battery factory. Nevada won that bidding war among several states last year by offering up to \$1.3 billion in tax breaks and other incentives.

Faraday hopes to distinguish itself by branding the car less as transportation than as a tool for the con-

"The car industry hasn't caught up sufficiently. The car still feels like a place where you're disconnected."

Just what that means could hit the road as early as 2017, when Faraday has said it wants to bring a car to market.

The timeline is ambitious, given that it typically takes automakers at least three years to go from concept scratch takes many years and doing it in 18 to 24 months would be a precedent-setting event, if it could be done," said John Gartner a director at the market intelligence firm Navigant Research.

Then again, Faraday was around for more than a year before its recent public coming out. It was originally incorporated in California in May 2014 as LeTV

ENV Inc., according to papers filed with the California Secretary of State. The address in Beijing is associated with Letv, a holding company founded by Chinese tech pioneer Jia Yueting.

Yueting is referred to as China's equivalent of Jobs, both for his talk of "disrupting" traditional industries as well as his jeans and T-shirt wardrobe at product launches.

Faraday spokeswoman Morris wouldn't comment on Yueting.

"We're in stealth mode where we're not revealing ownership," she said. "There's a significant investor who wants the company to stand on its own merit before being associated" with it."

Navigant projects that the luxury plug-in market will grow in the U.S. from 109,000 cars or SUVs next year to 468,000 in 2023. With a market share increase from 0.7 percent to 2.6 percent of all "light duty vehicles" (which also includes vans and pickup trucks), it's still a niche market.

And by 2023, there will be even more competition— automakers other than Tesla plan to compete for customers who want luxury electric vehicles.

"The market's only going to get more challenging," Navigant's Gartner said.

Tag Heuer, tech companies unveil \$1,500 luxury smartwatch

NEW YORK (AP) — A leading Swiss watchmaker and two technology titans have combined forces to produce a computerized wristwatch billed as the "world's smartest luxury watch."

Tag Heuer CEO Jean-Claude Biver said his company has been building mechanical watches for 155 years but knew little about building an Internet-connected device that younger buyers would want. So it partnered with Intel and Google in what

he calls the "marriage of Watch Valley and Silicon Valley."

Various manufacturers have made watches using Google's Android Wear system but they typically look more like mini computers on the wrist rather than a traditional watch. Luxury comes with a price: Tag Heuer Connected starts selling in the U.S. on Monday for \$1,500. By contrast, the cheapest Android Wear watch costs \$129. Sales in Japan begin next week and in other

countries in Europe and Asia by the end of November. Apple Watch has a luxury edition, with a case made of gold, for \$10,000 to \$17,000. The regular Apple Watch starts at \$349.

The Tag Heuer Connected adopted the company's Carrera Calibre mechanical design and uses premium materials, including titanium lugs and a scratch-resistant sapphire crystal screen. Straps come in a choice of seven colors.

Intel CEO Brian Krzanich



This undated image provided by Google shows the Tag Heuer Connected luxury watch.

Associated Press

said Tag Heuer showed his engineers the design elements desired and worked with Google to tweak the Android Wear software for it.

"Our teams have brought

what they are uniquely good at and have fused together something that is bigger than the sum of its parts," said David Singleton, a vice president of engineering at Google.



DuPont names Breen as chairman and CEO

NEW YORK (AP) — Du-Pont's board of directors named Edward D. Breen as chairman and CEO after a month of holding those positions in an interim capacity.

Breen was named as an interim leader last month after the sudden retirement of Ellen Kullman, 59, after she had fought off a bruising challenge from activist

investor Nelson Peltz.

Peltz's Trian Fund wanted more influence at the conglomerate, but in June shareholders rejected his campaign for seats on the board. The fight eventually resulted in the spinoff of DuPont's performance chemicals unit this summer into a separate business named The Chemours Co.

The Wilmington, Delaware-based science and chemicals company recently reported a sharp decrease in third-quarter profit, weighed down by weak agricultural sales and a strong dollar.

Breen has been on the company's board since February and has held several executive positions elsewhere, including at Motorola and General Instrument Corp. In a conference call in October, following the third-quarter results earnings release, he said the company is considering cost controls.

Shares of E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Co. rose 20 cents to \$66.31 in morning trading Monday. Its shares are down almost 1 percent over the past year.

US stocks end lower on global growth worries

KEN SWEET
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market stumbled Monday as investors worried that the global economy could be slowing just as last week's block-buster U.S. jobs report appeared to open the way to the first rate hike from the Federal Reserve in nearly a decade. It was the first notable decline for the market in six weeks.

The Dow Jones industrial average lost 179.85 points, or 1 percent, to 17,730.48, slipping back into negative territory for the year. The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 20.62 points, or 1 percent, to 2,078.58. The Nasdaq composite fell 51.82 points, or 1 percent, to 5,095.30.

Investors continue to deal with the fallout of October's unexpectedly strong jobs report, which greatly increased expectations that the U.S. Federal Reserve is likely to raise short-term interest rates, which have been close to zero since the 2008 financial crisis.

The Labor Department said U.S. employers created 271,000 jobs last month, more than the even most bullish of forecasts. The unemployment rate also dropped to 5 percent, the lowest in seven years. The surprising sign of strength could encourage the Fed to finally start to return interest rates to normal levels.

"This all shows how Friday's employment report possibly changed the game," John Briggs, head of fixed income strategy at RBS, wrote in a note to investors. The possibility of higher interest rates continued to push investors to reposition their portfolios. Even in a declining stock market, investors also sold govern-

in October from a year earlier, damping hopes for a Chinese economic rebound this quarter. Exports shrank 6.9 percent in a sign of weak global demand. Germany's DAX index fell \$1,311.15 after the company's outlook for the fourth quarter, a typically strong period for travel companies, came up short of analysts' expectations.

Drugmaker Mallinckrodt



Trader Brandon Barb works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. The stock market stumbled Monday as investors worried that the global economy could be slowing just as last week's blockbuster U.S. jobs report appeared to open the way to the first rate hike from the Federal Reserve in nearly a decade.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

ment bonds. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose to 2.34 percent. That's up from 2.33 percent Friday and significantly higher than the 2.23 percent level on Thursday. Yields on other Treasuries, including the two-year and threeyear notes, also rose.

Securities that bet on which way the Fed will move interest rates show roughly a 70 percent chance the central bank will raise rates. Global stocks were also reacting to news out of China, where customs data showed the country's imports plunged 18.8 percent

1.6 percent, France's CAC-40 index lost 1.5 percent and the U.K.'s FTSE 100 lost 1 percent. In Asia, stocks actually rose in a bet that Asian governments would be more proactive in helping their ailing economies than their European counterparts.

"We've known about China's issues for a while now, but this will likely lead to the government doing more stimulus," said Quincy Krosby, market strategist with Prudential Financial.

Among individual companies, travel site Priceline fell \$138.75, or 9.6 percent, to fell \$11.88, or 17 percent, to \$58.01 after the short-selling firm Citron Research warned that the company might have issues similar to Valeant Pharmaceuticals. Citron became well-known earlier this year when it published a report on Valeant, whose stock has fallen by two thirds since the summer.

Benchmark U.S. crude fell 42 cents, or 0.9 percent, to \$43.87 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Brent crude, used to price international oils, declined 23 cents to \$47.19 a barrel in London.

STREET BRIEFS

ABN Amro profits rise as bank nears a re-privatization

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — Nationalized Dutch bank ABN AMro, which is preparing for re-privatization, says its underlying net profit rose 13 percent in the third quarter from the same period a year ago to 509 million euros (\$547 million). Operating income rose 5 percent to 2.1 billion euros (\$2.25 billion). The bank made its socalled "intention to float" announcement on Oct. 27, saying the first tranche of the initial public offering would likely be in the last quarter of 2015. Financial details of the offering have not yet been set. The chairman of the bank's managing board, Gerrit Zalm, said Monday "our performance, the outlook for the Dutch economy and the fact that preparations for the bank's intended IPO are on track give us confidence in the future."

Ericsson, Cisco in new enterprise to create networks

HELSINKI (AP)—The world's biggest networks provider, Ericsson, has announced a strategic partnership with another industry leader, Cisco, to create "networks of the future." Sweden-based Ericsson says the business and technology partnership including networking, cloud and mobility services, is expected to generate more than \$1 billion in business for each company by 2018 and synergy savings of 1 billion kronor (\$115 million) in 2018. It gave no details of a financial transaction. Ericsson CEO Hans Vestberg on Monday described the pact as "a key step forward" in transforming and strengthening the company. Ericsson and Cisco, which have some 56,000 patents and have spent \$11 billion in research and development, have more than 76,000 employees in more than 180 countries.



Strains of low oil prices apparent even at plush Abu Dhabi meeting

JON GAMBRELL Associated Press

ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — On stage only a short time after the United Arab Emirates said it would increase its oil production despite low worldwide prices, the oil and gas minister of neighboring Oman didn't pull any punches.

"This is (a) man-made crisis in our industry we have created. ... And I think all we're doing is irresponsible," Mohammed bin Hama al-Rumhy said as his Emirati counterpart forced a smile next to him.

Even among friends, the bottoming-out of oil prices, which are down more than 50 percent since the middle of last year, has strained both budgets and relationships across the Gulf and other oil-producing countries.

And while Emirati officials at the annual Abu Dhabi International Petroleum Exhibition and Conference said Monday they believed prices will head back up into next year, others offered a more pessimistic view.

"It's a movement of an era of scarcity to one of abundance; it's a movement from a world of unexpectedly strong demand and tight supplies to a world of ample supplies — even oversupplies — and weaker demands," said Daniel Yergin, vice chairman of IHS and the author of a Pulitzer Prize-winning book on the history of oil. "OPEC's not the only balance of the market. The United States is back in the role of swing producer, a role it hasn't exerted in six decades," he said. Fluctuating oil prices are nothing new, but this time the U.S. has found itself roaring back into the industry with the mass production of shale oil and reduced dependence on imports.

U.S. shale, a weakening economy in China and other factors have pushed prices down. On Monday, Brent crude, a benchmark for international oils, was at \$47.63 in London, down from well over \$100 a barrel last year. While the U.S. production has dialed back due to low prices, even more oil will soon enter the market, including an expected flood of Iranian exports once sanctions are lifted under a landmark nuclear deal. Despite that, the Emirati energy minister said he believed prices would rise in 2016, even as he said his country planned to ramp up production to 3.5 million barrels of oil a day from a current 2.9 million.

The Emirates was the world's sixth-largest oil producer in 2014, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration. That 3.5 million barrel production will come in the "next two to three years," said Abdulla Nasser al-Suwaidi, the director-general of the Abu Dhabi National Oil Co. "We are hopeful that we will see in 2016 ... a correction," Emirati Energy Minister Suhail Mohamed al-Mazrouei said. "Don't ask me how big, that's for the market to decide. Don't ask me who is going to play that role. It's not going to be OPEC only. This is an international effort. Everyone has a role to play." But speaking in Qatar at the same time, Saudi Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman bin Abdulaziz, deputy minister of petroleum and mineral resources, cautioned against making too many cuts amid the swing in prices. "As we saw back in 2008, high oil prices proved to be unsustainable, and the price fell sharply following the great financial crisis. But this works in the opposite direction," the prince said, according to a copy of his speech carried on the state-run Saudi Press Agency. "A prolonged period of low oil prices is also unsustainable, as it will induce large investment cuts and reduce the resilience of the oil industry, undermining the future security of supply and setting the scene for another sharp price rise."

Volkswagen and Audi diesel owners to get \$1,000 in gift cards and vouchers

TOM KRISHER
AP Auto Writer

DETROIT (AP) — Owners of 482,000 diesel Volkswagens and Audis in the U.S. are eligible for \$1,000 in gift cards and vouchers as the automaker strives to placate customers dismayed by an emissions-rigging scandal. VW announced the offer Monday. The car owners have been in limbo since mid-September, when

change or new set of tires, or even a down payment on a new car. The offer also includes free roadside assistance for the diesel vehicles for three years.

"We are working tirelessly to develop an approved remedy for affected vehicles," said Michael Horn, VW's U.S. CEO, said in a statement. "In the meantime we are providing this goodwill package as a first

action lawsuits have been filed in the U.S. against VW alleging that the scandal caused the diesel cars to drop in value.

Average auction prices of VW diesel models have dropped nearly \$2,100, or 16 percent, since the announcement, while VW gasoline models have fallen 4 percent, Kelley Blue Book said Monday.

Josh Badall, of Phoenix, Ari-



A model poses next to a Volkswagen car in the media preview of the Tokyo Motor show in Tokyo, Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2015. (AP Photo/Eugene Hoshiko)

VW admitted the cars are equipped with software that turns on pollution controls during government tests and turns them off while on the road.

VW has yet to unveil a fix for the cars. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency says the cars, with 2-liter four-cylinder diesel engines, emit 10 to 40 times the allowable amount of harmful nitrogen oxide while being driven.

"The problem that most of us suffer from is we're in never-never land so this at least gives us some compensation until they figure it out," said Bob Rand, a retired judge in Pasadena, California, who says he and his wife have owned at least a dozen new Volkswagens over the years.

The \$500 Visa gift card can be used anywhere, while the \$500 voucher can be used at a VW dealership for things such as an oil step towards regaining our customers' trust."

Steve Kalafer, chairman of the Flemington Car and Truck Country dealerships in Flemington, New Jersey, said Volkswagen's offer is a welcome first step after a long silence between the automaker, its customers and its U.S. retailers.

Kalafer said he hasn't heard yet from any customers about Volkswagen's offer, but he expects they'll want more from the company to address the many issues raised by the emissions scandal.

"They will appreciate the communication, but I imagine that until a real resolution is found that appreciation will be muted," he said.

Whatever fix VW designs could wind up hurting performance or perhaps fuel mileage, the two main reasons why people buy diesels. More than 200 class-

zona, just sold his 2009 Jetta TDI because of the scandal as well as a host of mechanical problems.

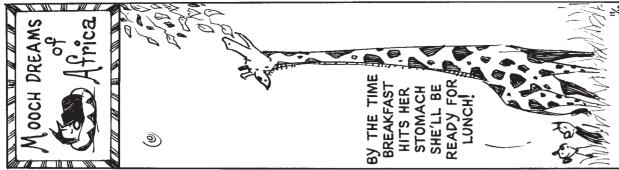
He bought the car used for \$9,000 in 2013 and recently sold if for less than the Kelley Blue Book value, at \$6,500.

"I don't think solving it in a retrospective manner like that really changes a whole lot of anything, especially considering the value of those vehicles now is pretty bad," he said.

To get the gift cards and vouchers in the U.S., owners will not be required to sign anything giving up their right to sue Volkswagen or force them into arbitration, spokeswoman Jeannine Ginivan said. "There are no strings attached," she said. Volkswagen already is offering \$2,000 to current VW owners to trade in their cars for new vehicles, and the gift cards and vouchers would add \$1,000 to that.

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Classified Spain

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"There is a growing cry for Catalonia to not merely be a country, but to be a state, with everything that means," said Raul Romeva, head of the "Together for Yes" alliance.

branches Catalan Spain's ruling conservative Popular Party and the Socialist and the Citizens opposition parties had filed appeals to halt the vote, but Spain's Constitutional Court ruled last Thursday that it could proceed.

"You want to divide a country by raising a frontier within the European Union," Citizens regional leader Ines Arrimadas told separatist lawmakers.

The Constitutional Court is expected to quickly rule that the law is illegal, but the resolution specifically orders the regional government not to heed the decision of Spain's highest court. It gives the incoming government 30 days to start working on a new Catalan constitution, which would later be voted on in a referendum by the summer of 2017, and begin establishing a new tax office and social security administration.

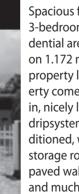
Pro-secessionist parties won their majority in September on the strength of just 48 percent of the vote. Anti-independence lawmakers say that denies separatists a legitimate democratic mandate to break away from Spain.

As well as warnings from the EU that an independent Catalonia would have to ask to be admitted to the bloc, separatist forces also face an internal dispute that could slow or even derail the independence push.

Later Monday, the parliament began what is expected to be a long, heated debate over whether Artur Mas should continue for a third term as regional president.

While his "Together for Yes" alliance backs him with 62 votes, it is short of the required majority of 68.

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Drought drives bears into California town in search of food

BY BRIAN MELLEY ASSOCIATED PRESS

THREE RIVERS, Calif. (AP)

-- Tourists and animal lovers hoping to see a bear in Sequoia National Park this fall probably stand a better chance of spotting one in this tiny town at the park's entrance.

Three Rivers is literally crawling with hungry bears driven down from the mountains by drought in search of food to fatten up for winter. Everyone seems to have photos of the creatures on their phones or anecdotes of encounters.

Chas Haws' eyes bugged out as he recalled his surprise coming face to face with a bear before dawn as he walked to Antoinette's Coffee and Goodies shop along the main road one day.

He carefully stepped back as the bear reared up and then walked away.

"He didn't care about me at all," Haws said. "I didn't smell like a muffin - yet."

There's no doubt a bear invasion is afoot in this town of 2,200 that is home to an eclectic mix of park employees, cattle ranchers, hippies, yuppies and artists. It is also a retreat for Hollywood types that include Anjelica Huston and William Shatner.

Most seem delighted by the visiting black bears many brown and cinnamon in color - lumbering through grasslands, trotting across roads or wading through rivers.

The four-year drought has shriveled the berry crop in the Sierra Nevada and led oaks on parched hillsides to produce fewer acorns, forcing the bears into the valleys carved by the branches of the Kaweah River that give this town its name.

Water is plentiful and

winding up the road to the park. Others chimed in with suggestions of where to find them.

A crowd formed recently outside the River View restaurant to gawk at a bear up a tree.

Bears have climbed on roofs for acorns and one was found exploring a bathroom under renovation in a house. A bear tore ing in the middle of the night followed by gunfire. "People are shooting the bears, there's no doubt," he said.

The Kaweah Commonwealth reported that bears have been illegally slaughtered, but game wardens dismissed it as far-fetched because of a lack of evidence, such as names of suspects, vehicle descripgusted with the story that he yanked his auto repair shop ad from the newspaper.

"Where's the proof?" he said. "If that were the case, there'd be dead bears everywhere."

State game wardens haven't had as many complaints in this area of central California as last season, when bears made it to the San Joaquin Valley cities of Visalia, Porterville and Bakersfield, Barnhart said.

Residents have legally killed bears that broke into cabins and cars in Springville and Camp Nelson, about 25 miles south.

In Three Rivers, bears have knocked over plenty of garbage cans and raided fruit trees and grape vines. They did a number on the apple orchard at Shatner's Belle Reve ranch, said caretaker Sal Natoli, who added that he got a depredation permit to kill the culprits but didn't use it during the two-week period it was valid.

The trees look "just like Venus de Milo," the armless ancient Greek statue, Natoli said.

Bear hunting season runs until Dec. 27 or when a statewide limit of 1,700 bears is killed. The state hasn't come close to that figure since dogs were outlawed in the hunt in 2013. Gunfire may not be the biggest challenge for the bears at this point.



acorns carpet the ground. Gregory Lockhart had seen one bear in 27 years until this season. Now they're fixtures on the golf course out his back door and have been spotted by the pool of a guest house. "The park is upon us now," he said.

One resident suggested on a town Facebook forum that people with guests seeking bears not bother apart the outer walls of a resident's pump house and a music studio to get at acorns a woodpecker had stowed in the siding. Quiet nights are interrupted by air horns, banging on pots or a gunshot to scare off creatures known to forage 20 hours a day as they prepare for long winter naps. But some wonder if those shots are innocent. Jeff Beck heard dogs bark-

tions or dead bears, Lt. Doug Barnhart said.

The account, however, has sown conflict between nature lovers and those who think it's a tall tale.

"I'm upset and sad, and I just question, 'Why?'" said Kathleen McCleary, who noted a sense of outrage in some circles. "I don't see any reason to be shooting them."

Darrell Fleeman was so dis-





Caitlyn Jenner, Reese Witherspoon honored at Glamour Awards



In this July 15, 2015 file photo, Caitlyn Jenner accepts the Arthur Ashe award for courage at the ESPY Awards at the Microsoft Theater, in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

JOCELYN NOVECK AP National Writer NEW YORK (AP) — Caitlyn Jenner, undoubtedly one of the most talked-about women in the world, is being honored as one of Glamour magazine's Women of the Year on Monday in a glittery ceremony along with fellow honorees like actress Reese Witherspoon, dancer Misty Copeland and designer Victoria Beckham. The annual ceremony at Carnegie Hall in Manhattan mixes high-wattage with celebrities lesser known names, and this year, the award winners include five women touched by the South Carolina church massacre — Alana Simmons, Nadine Collier, Bethane Middleton-Brown, Felicia Sanders and Polly Sheppard — and lauded in the aftermath as "The Peacemakers of Charleston." Also to be honored: Entrepreneur Elizabeth Holmes, Planned Parenthoood's Cecile Richards and the victorious U.S. women's soccer team.

This year is the 25th anniversary of the awards, and former honorees Madeleine Albright, Serena Williams and Billie Jean King were among those scheduled to be on hand for the festivities. Amy Schumer was scheduled to open the ceremony, and Jennifer Hudson and Ellie Goulding to perform.

Jenner is not the first transgender woman to be a Glamour Woman of the Year; last year, actress Laverne Cox was honored. Still, Jenner's inclusion sparked some backlash on social media. "We prefer to focus on the positive," Jenner said through a spokesman ahead of the announcement.

Cindi Leive, Glamour's editor-in-chief, told The Associated Press that criticism of Jenner's inclusion "certainly gives you an appreciation for the hostility to the trans community that still exists out there."

Among the achievements of some of this year's honorees:

Witherspoon co-founded a production company, Pacific Standard, which aims to make films featuring strong female lead roles as way to fight the gender gap in Hollywood. The company's "Wild" and "Gone Girl" earned Oscar nominations for Witherspoon, Laura Dern and Rosamund Pike.

Copeland became the first female African-American principal at American Ballet Theatre in June.

Jenner, a former Olympic hero and Kardashian-Jenner family reality star, came out as a trans woman earlier this year. Her docuseries, "I Am Cait," was just picked up by E! for a second season.

Beckham gained fame as a Spice Girl, but has since become a highly respected fashion designer.

The U.S. women's soccer team handily defeated Japan to win the 2015 World Cup in July, and was recently welcomed at the White House by President Barack Obama.



Philip Seymour Hoffman's brother, mother honored at festival

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) — The brother and mother of Philip Seymour Hoffman have been honored at a film festival in the late actor's family's western New York hometown.

The High Falls Film Festival in Rochester opened Sunday with the hometown premiere of "Dog Bowl," a short film written and directed by Gordy Hoffman, who grew up in suburban Fairport and now lives in Los Angeles.

Festival officials presented Philip and Gordy's mother, Marilyn O'Connor, with the Rochester Film Legacy Award. The award honors a filmmaker or supporter based in the Rochester area whose passion and



In this Jan. 19, 2014, file photo, Philip Seymour Hoffman poses for a portrait at The Collective and Gibson Lounge Powered by CEG, during the Sundance Film Festival, in Park City, Utah.

dedication embodies the city's film legacy.

Gordy and Philip credited their mother with inspiring their passion for movies. Philip Seymour Hoffman died of a drug overdose in 2014. The film festival resumes Thursday and runs through Nov. 16.

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Review: 'Black Dragon River' seeks China, Russia

CARA ANNA Associated Press

The border between the United States and Mexico is almost 2,000 miles long. The border between Russia and China, two of the world's most powerful and

'Wheel of Fortune,' 'Jeopardy!' salute **U.S.** veterans

LYNN ELBER **AP Television Writer** LOS ANGELES (AP)

"Jeopardy!" and "Wheel of Fortune" aren't playing around when it comes to marking Veterans Day.

The game shows, in cooperation with the veterans' support campaign Got Your 6, are using this week's episodes to spotlight those who have served.

On "Wheel of Fortune," all of the contestants have been in a branch of the U.S. military. And host Pat Sajak, an Army veteran, joined with other vets and show presenter Vanna White to tape a series of public service announcements.

The PSAs that will air during "Wheel of Fortune" aim to counter stereotypes and myths about veterans, said Army vet and Got Your 6 spokeswoman Kate Hoit.

Sajak said he was thrilled to "honor others who have served their country."

"Particularly in this allvolunteer era, it's easy to forget about the sacrifices made by them and their families," he said.

Sajak joined the Army in 1968 and served for three years. That included an 18-month stint in Saigon that he said was largely spent as a U.S. Armed Forces radio DJ.

On the "Jeopardy!" episode airing Wednesday, Veterans Day, "Modern Family" star Eric Stonestreet will present a veterans-related category for the quiz show's contestants.

Sajak and "Jeopardy!" host Alex Trebek, who has participated in more than a dozen USO trips over the years, also taped a PSA for Got Your 6 "Storytellers" events, one held in New York last week and one set



In a Monday, Oct. 22, 2007 file photo, game show hosts Vanna White and Pat Sajak arrive at the 17th annual **Broacasting and Cable Hall of** Fame awards dinner in New York. **Associated Press**

for Tuesday in Los Angeles. Held in partnership with the TV academy, "Storytellers" provides a showcase for the talents and ideas of those who served, according to Got Your 6, which derives its name from the military phrase, "Got your

Got Your 6, as described on its website, brings together nonprofit, government and Hollywood partners to help veterans become community leaders and to foster understanding of their value through popular culture.

Rob Gordon, president of Got Your 6's parent organization Be The Change, said in a statement that the campaign was grateful to "Wheel" and "Jeopardy!" for showing how the entertainment industry can help "normalize depictions" of those who served

"Our veterans are civic assets for the nation, not broken heroes, and we so value gaining access to a national television platform that helps us deliver that message directly to millions of Americans," Gordon said.

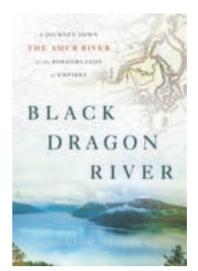
intriguing nations, is around 2,700 miles. Considering the intricate dramas of the U.S.-Mexico border, anyone with a passion for how cultures come together should perk up at the Far Eastern promise of "Black Dragon River: A Journey Down the Amur River at the Borderlands of Empires."

Another good sign: The author is Asia editor for The Economist.

But settle in. It takes 270 pages to reach the key line, "I was curious to know more about the Chinese and their place in the Russian Far East today."

Author Dominic Ziegler instead draws deeply on history while traveling down the river that, with tributaries, marks much of the Russia-China border. As he makes his way through rural Mongolia to begin his journey, he sets the scene with 13th-century tales of Genghis Khan, whose Mongols sacked both Beijing and the seat of early Russian civilization, Kiev.

The layers continue as Ziegler moves downstream, including Cossack conquest in vast Siberia and an extraordinary meetina of thousands of emissaries of two of history's most intellectually curious leaders, Peter the Great and the Kangxi emperor. The treaty they concluded in 1689, the first between Russia and China, was negotiated on such equal terms that the two sides used Latin as a neutral language. It was that early respectful encounter, Ziegler argues,



This photo provided by Penguin Press shows the cover of the book, "Black Dragon River," by author, Dominic Ziegler.

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that has set China's relationship with Russia apart from its later relationships with other Western powers, which are weighted with what the Chinese government has bitterly called a "century of humiliation."

That doesn't mean relations have necessarily been warm, and Zeigler spends auite a bit of his travels in Russian cities and towns far from the border with China, apparently for logistical or security reasons. The result is a great deal of Russian history, while you'd think little happened over in China in the centuries between the Kangxi emperor and the rise of Mao Zedong.

But why complain when there are so many distractions? Like a good traveler, Zeigler wanders over to anything interesting. "A Buddhist republic within the Soviet Union and now the Russian Federation:

How could this be?" he writes, then mucks around happily for the next 24 pages. Much later on, he takes a look around Russia's oblast, or province, of Birobidzhan, "nothing less than the modern world's first Jewish homeland."

Eventually, though, you do start to hope for some actual modern-day mixing of Russians and Chinese. This book barely delivers. By the time the journey drifts into the current day, the Amur River bends north and leaves China behind. In a handful of pages before he plunges with it toward the Pacific, Zeigler just hints at the wrenching change of fortunes for the two great powers over the past few decades.

In the briefest of encounters with a Chinese trader at a border city, Zeigler mentions past "tales of awestruck Chinese who had never seen a fridge or a hair dryer till they crossed the Amur" into Russia. The trader practically snorts with disdain.

These days, Russians in the remote borderland are a "population sliding into degrading poverty," trying to dismiss the lights and bustle of Chinese cities across the river as nothing but a Potemkin village, Ziegler

It will take another book, and a more focused journey, to tell us more about how these sometimes prickly cultures really interact, not through the sweep of history, but in the galloping day to day.

Kevin Hart, Lionel Richie part of Rihanna charity event

NEW YORK (AP) — Comedian-actor Kevin Hart will host a Rihanna charity event next month, where It is named after her grand-Lionel Richie will perform.

The pop singer announced Monday that her second annual Diamond Ball will be held Dec. 10 at the Barker Hangar in Santa Monica, California,

The black-tie event benefits Rihanna's Clara Lionel Foundation, which promotes education and artsglobally. The singer founded the foundation in 2012. parents Clara and Lionel Braithwaite.

Live Nation CEO Michael Rapino will receive the Diamond Honors Award at the event.

Jimmy Kimmel hosted last year's Diamond Ball, which raised more than \$2 million. Guests included Brad Pitt,



Kim Kardashian and Ne-Yo. Rihanna said in a statement she "can't wait to celebrate with the iconic Lionel Richie and incredibly talented Kevin Hart at this year's Diamond Ball."

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